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In re application of:

BLAKESLEY *et al.*

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Rapid Protein and Peptide
Extraction and Isolation Using a
Lysis Matrix**

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Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In advance of prosecution, please amend the application as follows.

This Amendment is provided in the following format:

In the Specification:

Please insert the following three paragraphs after paragraph 43:

Fig. 12 is a SDS-PAGE gel showing the isolation of insoluble protein of 35 kDa. Lanes 2 and 3 show the soluble fractions and Lanes 4 and 5 show the insoluble fractions. Lane 1 is Benchmark Protein ladder.

Fig. 13 is a SDS-PAGE gel. Lane 1 shows Benchmark Protein Ladder. Lane 2 and 3 is total protein of 30 kDa poly his tagged fusion protein. Lane 4 and 5 is 30 kDa poly – his tagged fusion protein purified by Ni-NTA agarose beads.

Fig. 14 is a SDS-PAGE gel. Lane 1 shows Benchmark Protein Ladder. Lane 2 and 3 is total protein of 58 kDa GST tagged fusion protein. Lane 4 and 5 is 58 kDa GST tagged fusion protein purified by MicroSpin GST purification.

Remarks

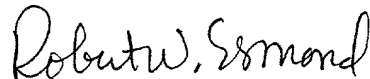
None of the foregoing amendments adds new matter. These amendments are sought to insert the brief description of figures 12, 13 and 14, and do not change the scope of the claims. Support for these amendments may be found on pages 54 and 56. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing amendments be entered and considered.

Summary

It is respectfully believed that this application is now in condition for immediate examination. Early notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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